

Town Demolishes First “Zombie House” in 2017

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Farmingville, NY – On January 24, Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) and Councilwoman Michael Loguercio (left) were in Bellport for the demolition of an abandoned home located at 82 Beaver Dam Road. It was the Town’s first demolition of 2017. The house sustained fire damage nearly 10 years ago and has been vacant and boarded ever since. The structure has deteriorated over the years and become a source of numerous resident complaints. It was demolished by the Town in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a “fast track” to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Supervisor Romaine said, “In 2016, we demolished 52 “zombie houses” and I expect to meet and exceed that number this year. Houses like this impact negatively on the quality of life and property values in the community, but thanks to work by our Law Department we are cleaning up neighborhoods across Brookhaven Town.”

Councilman Loguercio said, “This house was not only an eyesore, it was an attractive nuisance that posed a danger to the residents nearby, especially children. I join the Supervisor in his commitment to rid Brookhaven Town of abandoned and derelict houses and I will continue to target those in my district that need to come down.”

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